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Up-and-Coming

The Dec. 7 evening with the publisher and editor of the *International Herald Tribune* has been scrubbed.

Thursday, Dec. 16 — OPC Christmas Party. See details this *Bulletin*.

Fri. Jan. 14 — Reunion dinner of former Moscow correspondents at the 7th Regiment Armory. For info and reservations call Mary Novick at the OPC office.

Mon. Jan. 17 — Luncheon discussion with topflight financial executives led by Myron Kandel, financial editor, *Cable News*. Reservations a must. Members, \$16, guests \$18. Details this *Bulletin*.

Come Enjoy Our Christmas Party Dec. 16

The night of Thursday, December 16, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., the club's main lounge on the first floor will be transformed into Santa Claus's living room.

And you are all most cordially invited by him to come and bring a friend or two and enjoy another traditional OPC Christmas Party.

Santa Claus may or may not be there in person — this is still uncertain — but his first deputy, our own **George Burns**, a jovial jester in his own right, will represent old Santa and will officiate as master of ceremonies.

Aided, of course, by our own mistress of merriment, **Gloria Watson**, who planned the party and planned it to be perfectimento.

It will be a night full of jollity and surprises.

There will be door prizes.

There will be raffling of prizes.

There will be grab bags of prizes.

There will be hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

There will be a charge bar — for members.

And a cash bar — for non-members.

To add to the fun, bring your own gift for a grab bag — nothing over \$3 in value.

Come and gather with new and old friends under our Christmas tree!

... but one thing is important, so do it now — RESERVE your spot with Mary Novick at (212) 679-9650. The cost is negligible — \$10 per person, member or guest.

See you there!

Three Who Will Give Us Dateline '83



L to R: Pierre Cooley, Art Director; Henry Gellermann, Publisher; and Maurice Schumack, Editor

Cyrus L. Sulzberger Takes Yalta Apart

The first thing Cyrus L. Sulzberger did when he addressed a goodly group of OPCers Wednesday evening, Nov. 17, was to disavow some of his advance publicity which, unfortunately, had crept into the *Bulletin*. It was to the effect that not only did he report the Yalta conference, he also participated in it.

"The fact is," he said, "that I wasn't even at Yalta, not even to cover it." He was busy elsewhere in Europe with his reporting for *The New York Times*, for whom he spent several decades as a foreign correspondent, picking up in the course of his career Pulitzer and OPC awards.

Although he wasn't at Yalta for the famous conference, he knows enough about what transpired there and why that he has a new book out, the reason he was at the club, "Such a Peace — The Roots and Ashes of Yalta." And just before coming to New York to address the club, he had spent some time with Averill Harriman, who had been ambassador to Russia at the time.

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Letters

TEL AVIV — Prosperity note. One of the local veteran correspondents for a Mexican daily reports that since Mexico went into its economic tailspin, neither he, nor any of the Mexican journalists of all media, locally and in the several countries he contacted, have received any salary. The government forbids the export of Mexican currency.

Zeev Chafetz, director of the Government Press Office, has taken a year's leave to write a novel. His replacement is New York-born Morton Dolinsky, whose credits include US TV accounts and publicity for congressional candidates. Locally he handled the press for Bar Ilan and Technion Universities and also taught publicity.

Pearl Sheffy-Gefen, Canadian CBC correspondent, interviewed U.S. Colonel Trevor N. Dupuy, West Point graduate, executive director of the Historical Evaluation and Research Organization and author of 80 military books. He said, "I am disgusted by the many false and irresponsible media reports by those who have a responsibility to present facts truthfully and objectively. Tales of wanton destruction and devastation of Tyre, Sidon, Damour and Nabatiye are not only inconsistent with my own combat experience, but obviously contrary to what I saw." Story ran for half page in *Jerusalem Post*, October 29.

— Max Gendel

NEW YORK — The *Bulletin* had better look to its editing. In two recent issues it perpetrated egregious errors. In the Oct. 1 issue it referred to "masked men" taking over UPI. Len Small and Doug Ruhe had long been successful newspaper executives, were operating in the open to take over and revive UPI. They had no reason to hide behind masks.

In the Nov. 1 issue announcing that Jim Wieghart, *New York News* executive editor, would tell about the successful effort to keep *The News* going, reference was made to *The News* "rising like the phoenix from its own ashes." *The News* may have been down for a while, but it was never dead in its own ashes.

Color is fine, especially in sunsets, but it can never replace the facts in news stories.

— Name Withheld by Request

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

Sulzberger (Continued from page 1)



Cy Sulzberger and Some of His Friends

The book, incidentally, is published by OPCer **Henry Giniger** (*Crossroads/Continuum*), who introduced Mr. Sulzberger after President **Anita Diamant** had opened the session. It is his 21st.

Speaking slowly and deliberately, Sulzberger ticked off a number of observations:

It is not true, he said, that the super-powers at Yalta divided up Europe.

Stalin would sign anything, but would not live up to it.

We were not strong enough to enforce a free Poland.

There were 100,000 Russian POWs helping the Nazis. They had been captured and had turned anti-Communist.

Prisoners who had been returned to Russia were shot.

General Marshall observed that it's all one war now. He felt that Japan would be stabbed by Russia. At the time of Yalta, the bomb was still a question.

The atomic bomb made the Russians superfluous.

Today, Sulzberger said, unilateral disarming is a No-No. "We must remain prepared," he said. "A dialogue is needed among the super-powers."

Several members of the club won copies of Sulzberger's book, having picked up lucky lottery tickets as they came in.

Three Who Know Will Tell Us All About Money

Lunching at the club on Monday, Jan. 17, may be quite sustaining for you moneywise as well as healthwise. Because that's the day three wise men of Wall Street will be talking to us about what makes the wheels go round — money.

They are: Robert Gardiner, chairman of Dean Witter Reynolds; Thomas Unterberg, general partner at L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg and Towbin; and Myron Kandel, financial editor of Ted Turner's *Cable News*.

Reservations are essential with Mary Novick, 679-9650. Luncheon is at noon. Members, \$16, guests, \$18.



Our Presidents -- As The Camera Caught Them

OPCers spent an interesting evening Nov. 9 with some of our presidents — not OPC presidents, but those who occupy the White House. That is, they spent the evening hearing how their presidents reacted to news cameramen, ever present whenever a president sticks his nose out of the White House, or even in it.

George Tames, who has been *The New York Times* camera correspondent in Washington for some 40 years, told how presidential picture coverage started with Teddy Roosevelt. In those days the only major photo news agencies were the AP, UP, New York Times Wide World, Harris & Ewing and later also *Time/Life*.

Photographers were kept out of the White House in those days. Earlier they had been confined to a small room they called the Dog Room. Later, as the crew grew, they were afforded better quarters. President Truman finally made first class citizens of them.

With most presidents the fotogs were restricted to some rules. FDR, for instance, could never be pictured being carried. He was always in place when photographed.

When President Eisenhower got to the White House, TV became a problem for the still fotogs. The White House censored all film. Today, the president is wide open game.

David Hume Kennerly, now covering the White House for *Time*, told of the Nixon White House as "restrictive," whereas President Ford was wide open to the fotogs. He didn't even stop them when they pictured him in a fall down the steps.

Michael Evans, now covering the Reagan White House, spoke of the problem of covering events staged for TV. An effort is being made to do documentaries. Today's major story is economic, he pointed out, with subjects like the budget, which defy photography. And these matters take up half the president's time.

Lyndon Johnson was depicted as vain and mean, but probably the best prepared for the presidency because "he knew where the bodies were."

Bill Kurtis, of CBS, himself a photographer, chaired the evening, noting that his recent photo cover on *The New York Times Magazine* made him a real pro. The evening was arranged by Barrett Gallagher, Charlie Rotkin and Kurtis.

Moskin Tells Of Battle For Jerusalem

The Club's new evening feature, Member's Forum, was inaugurated Nov. 4 with a trenchant and penetrating discussion by OPCer **J. Robert Moskin** of his new book, "Among Lions: The Definitive Account of the 1967 Battle for Jerusalem."

Members' Forum, chaired by **Ruth Cobbett Biemiller**, has been established as a periodic evening platform for members to tell others in the Club and their guests about current projects and interests.

The Moskin event served as a perfect model for future affairs of this type. Moskin, former foreign editor of *Look* and now senior editor of *World Press Review*, told about his interviews with participants on both sides of the battle that enabled him to achieve in the book a balanced picture of the war that led to the Arab-Israeli stand-off of today.

The Palestine crisis, which was inflamed by the Israeli take-over of the West Bank in 1967, can be resolved today only by a political rather than a military solution with compromises being made by both sides, Moskin said.

Ms. Biemiller served resourcefully as moderator during the discussion period.

— David Anderson

John R. Powers, Jr.

John R. Powers Jr., a member of the club some years ago, died in October. He had been publisher of the magazine *Fishing Long Island Waters*. He had been a reporter for *The New York Times* in the '30s and for the American Press Association. He had worked in public relations for General Motors, the National Society for Crippled Children and the Sport Fishing Institute.

The Club will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Saturday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday . . . and closed again on Friday, Dec. 31 and on Saturday, January 1 for the New Year holiday.

For economic reasons this will be the only *Bulletin* published in December. The next issue will be dated January 1.

Placement

Experienced international journalist is interested in freelance assignments or PR projects. Would consider staff position in Manhattan. Dolly Holland Leoni, 333 East 57 St., 10022, Phone 212-758-5684.

Placement is a free service to OPC members. Address Helen Alpert for positions wanted or offered.

New Applications

ACTIVE RESIDENT

James P. Sterba; writer-editor, Wall Street Journal
Sponsors: Roy Rowan, Patricia A. Langan

New Members

ACTIVE NONRESIDENT

Bryce Nelson

ASSOCIATE RESIDENTS

Frank Hamilton
Muriel E. Merkel

ASSOCIATE NONRESIDENT

James M. Jarvela



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TO OUR

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Who, What, Where

By Rosalind Massow

ON TRIB TEAM . . . **Henry Gellermann**, our immediate Past President, has been named consultant to the *International Herald Tribune*, edited and published in Paris. He brings to that post years of experience as a former partner in charge of domestic and international corporate affairs and public relations for Bache & Co., investment banking firm. He's also very much on the OPC team, now as chairman of the 1983 Awards Dinner; publisher, for the fifth time, of *Date-line 1983*, and president of the Overseas Press Club Foundation.

IT'S RECIPROCAL . . . Hawaii-based **Moana Tregaskis**, visiting Hong Kong, reports, nay raves, about the new Foreign Correspondent's Club building there and the friendliness of its members. She notes that other OPCers visiting Hong Kong will enjoy the same kind of hospitality there and of course at the Honolulu Press Club.

CIRCLING THE GLOBE . . . Literally, that's what **Charles E. Adelson** has been doing this past year. Traveling with photographer Henry Angelo-Castrillon, Adelson has been covering stories in Turkey, Germany, the UK, the U.S. including Hawaii, Japan, Hongkong Thailand, India, Pakistan and the Emirate of Dubai. His articles have appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Catholic Digest*, *Travel Holiday* magazine and others.

HOSTS ROYALTY AT OPC . . . When Archduke Carl Christian von Hapsburg and his bride Marie Astrid, daughter of the Grand Duke Jean and Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, visited New York recently, they stopped by at the OPC lounge as guests of **Dorothy Ingling**. Dorothy also arranged press coverage for the Archduke's uncle, Dr. Otto von Hapsburg when he fulfilled a speaking engagement in New York two weeks ago. A long-time friend of Dorothy's, Dr. von Hapsburg has been credited with saving more than 5,000 refugees, most of them Jews, during World War II. Dr. von Hapsburg relinquished his title as Archduke in exchange for being permitted to return to Austria. The family had been exiled following World War I.

PRESS RELATIONS . . . Handling the press can be a thorny problem to businessmen in the limelight, so Citicorp decided to do something about it. They've retained **Martin Gershen** to train its senior executives on how to deal with the press.

Will Yolen is in the Springfield Hospital at the Bay State Medical Center, Chestnut Street, Springfield, Mass., in the CCU unit. He is the darling of the unit, a medical miracle, having survived a combination of pneumonia, cardiac arrest and septic shock that made the doctors give him only a 50-50 chance at making it. He would love cards from his friends at the OPC.

— Jane Yolen

Rosenblum To Teach How To Report From The Third World

OPC'er **Mort Rosenblum**, now an AP special correspondent after several years as editor of the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris, is preparing to teach a course in reporting from developing countries next Spring at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Rosenblum himself has reported from more than 100 countries and his book, "Coups and Earthquakes: Reporting the World for America," is a text in journalism schools.

The course results from a feeling among news executives that reporting from developing countries is not what it should be, that reporters are not sensitive enough to the problems of these countries, which are far different from those of developed nations.

"Correspondents' greatest challenges these days," Rosenblum says, "comes in places we can hardly spell." Events in those countries, he notes, baffle not only the reader but the editor and the reporter as well.

Waldheim Trying To Bring Together North, South Korea

SEOUL — Kurt Waldheim, former U.N. Secretary General, visited here Nov. 3-18, to attend the 37th Congress of the Jaycees International.

He was the keynote speaker at one of their sessions, his theme being "World Peace Through North-South Cooperation."

For Mr. Waldheim this was a return visit. While still U.N. Secretary General he visited here three years ago to serve as mediator for the dialogue between North and South Korea. He met then in Seoul with the late South Korean president, Park Chung Hee, and the North Korean leader, Kim Il-sung.

He said that little had come from his 1979 visit in Seoul and Phyon Yang but that despite this the Republic of Korea and the rest of the world "must not give up hope" for a peaceful settlement of the Korea question.

"Without solving this North-South crisis," he said, "there is no way to establish political stability in the world."

Mr. Waldheim met with Korean Foreign Minister Lee Bumsuk and President Chun Doo Hwan.

This was the 37th Congress of the Jaycees International, which has more than 600,000 members in 15,000 chapters in all corners of the world.

— Young Sick, Kim

A copy of the 1981-82 annual report of the Council on Foreign Relations is available in the OPC office for anyone interested.

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